



N A R B E R T H U R B A N D I S T R I C T.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1950.

To The Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1950.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1950  
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England & Wales.

Birth Rate	15	per 1,000 pop.	15.8
Death Rate	24	per 1,000 pop.	11.6
Infantile			
Mortality Rate	Nil	per 1,000 live births	29.8

The Death Rate appears high, but it must be pointed out that 70.8% of the deaths occurred in persons over 70 years of age, including 41.7% over the age of 80.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is most unusual, i.e. no deaths of infants under 1 years old. Compared with the figure of 210.5 per 1,000 live births in 1949, this illustrates the fallacy of figures in dealing with small populations.

Causes of Death.

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Cancer	-	2
Diabetes	-	2
Vascular lesions of Nervous System	3	2
Coronary Disease, angina	-	1
Other heart disease	2	3
Other circulatory disease	-	1
Bronchitis	3	-
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	1	4

Still Births: NIL  
Illegitimate births: NIL

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2. The second part is devoted to a detailed analysis of the case.

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NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

One case of Scarlet Fever was notified, and isolated at the West Wales Isolation, Tumble.

This occurred when there was no Sanitary Inspector, but disinfection of the premises was carried out by the Sanitary Inspector of Narberth Rural District.

TUBERCULOSIS.

One case of Respiratory Tuberculosis was notified. There were no deaths from Tuberculosis.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT.

VACCINATION

This is carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council for all record cards received by your Medical Officer of Health.

Records received were :-

Primary Vaccinations	6	Secondary Vaccinations	5
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IMMUNISATION

This service is carried out in the same way by the local doctors, and paid for by the County Council on the receipt of the record cards. Although on enquiry by the Health Visitors it is found that the majority of infants in the town have been immunised, record cards are not always sent in for payment.

Records received were :-

Children under 5 years	7
Children 5 - 15 years	Nil
Reinforcing injections	1

Immunisation, and particularly re-inforcing injections for older children, was postponed during the latter part of the year because of the epidemic of Poliomyelitis which occurred then.

Other arrangements for local health services are carried out by the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

No action was necessary under this section.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply is inadequate to meet the needs of the town. Even in such a wet summer, water had to be purchased from the Narberth Rural District.

The source of the supply is unsatisfactory in quality also. Samples taken from the source show gross contamination. Chlorination of water is irregular and unsatisfactory, and should be under the care of a trained worker.

Samples taken during the year were :-

Water from gathering - ground	2 samples, both unsatisfactory.
Water from Main Pipe Supply:-	
Satisfactory	3
Doubtful	3
Unsatisfactory	5



In view of the unsatisfactory quality and quantity of the water-supply, it would appear that the Council should consider co-operating with the Rural District in obtaining an adequate supply of wholesome water.

SEWERAGE.

There are still a few pail closets in the town, but most of the houses are drained and connected to the Council's sewer.

The sewerage system is not satisfactory; some parts of it are piped, other parts are merely a stone gutter. In several cases the house drains are untrapped, leaving a free passage for rats and foul emanations. The four outlets are also unsatisfactory.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Refuse collection is carried out twice weekly by a Contractor with a horse-drawn cart, and the refuse is disposed of by tipping on the Town Moor. The cart is not a properly closed-in vehicle, and insufficient attention is paid to the control of the tip.

HOUSING.

No. of houses erected and completed by the Council	6
No. of houses erected privately	Nil

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S WORK.

The Council had no Sanitary Inspector for the year ending March 31st 1950, when the Narberth Rural District Council agreed to allow their Sanitary Inspector to carry out the necessary work for the town.

Dorothy M. Griffiths,

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SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

List of premises where food is prepared or sold :-

Grocers	12
Butchers	5
Greengrocers	3
Bakeries	4
Restaurants	4
Fishmongers	1
Ice Cream sellers	6
Milk purveyors	2

A total of 48 inspections were made of the above premises, which were found to be generally well kept. In 5 cases I found defects which were remedied.

Food Condemned :-

Pork Sausage	13 lbs.
Bacon	30 lbs.
Spanish Apricots	1 tin 10 lbs.

RODENT INFESTATION.

The Council have the services of the Rural Council's Operator, when necessary.

Number of treatments :-

Sewers	2
Refuse Tip	3
Business premises	1
Dwelling houses	4

No. of Rats estimated destroyed	830
No. of Rats recovered dead	56
Quantity of poison bait taken in ozs.	332

SANITARY INSPECTION.

No. of inspections made.	83
No. of defects or nuisances discovered	5,6,24 = 35

Notices served.	Preliminary	Statutory
Housing	2	Nil
Others	4	Nil
Summary Action taken.	Nil	

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FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	16	18	2	Nil
(ii)Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii)Other premises in which section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	16	18	2	Nil

A.C. James,

Sanitary Inspector.

